

THE AXING of Wycombe Wanderers reserve team has caused a stir in no uncertain terms. Supporters have been expressing their regret that such a step has been taken.

One typical letter from Mr. T. Rowlands of Hughenden Avenue, High Wycombe, would appear to sum up popular opinion.

"The disbanding of the reserves is a backward step and perhaps the saddest moment for regular supporters since the war. I have followed Wycombe since the 1948-49 season and I have seen as many as 3,000 in attendance at reserve fixtures.

"Also I can remember the second string defeating the first eleven on two occasions. Why have the Wanderers fallen to this depth during the season when the reserves have been better positioned since the Sid Cann era?

"No doubt the lack of support will be blamed, but when I accuse the Wanderers Committee I know by the mood of the regular supporters that nine out of ten will agree.

"Sid Cann has exploded the myth that committee men should interfere and have their say in team selection. Now we all know why the Wanderers during the late fifties were great but just not great enough. If Cann had the same freedom at Loakes Park as is his

prerogative at Sutton the F.A. Amateur Cup would have had an almost permanent position in the Wanderers boardroom.

"If it's too late this season, Brian Lee must be given complete control next. I can tell the club that with the mood of supporters at its present level nothing less will suffice.

"Too many of the committee men are satisfied to see the club just holding its head above water with no incentive to put the town on the map, living on stories of the past and sentimentality.

"What is required is a good clean out of the old brigade with younger men being brought in with a professional approach. Having studied committee men's reactions at home games it's more like a country pub atmosphere than a serious appraisal of the capabilities of the players' weaknesses and faults.

"In the past two years I estimate the Wanderers have lost near to two thousand supporters, not because of bad luck, but simply **BAD MANAGEMENT**.

"Have the Wanderers learnt their lesson? The next annual general meeting will show."